

The Yolo County Sheriff's Office is scaling back our physical search for 37 year old missing person, Rico Omarr Harris of Alhambra, California. Detectives from our agency will continue the investigation in hopes of generating more leads. Extra patrols of the area in marked and unmarked Sheriff's vehicles will continue until further notice.

On October 14, after seeing Harris' vehicle parked for two consecutive days at the Yolo County Parks Lower Site parking area in a remote area on State Route 16 in Yolo County, deputies contacted Harris' family in Alhambra and his girlfriend in Seattle and determined that he had been en route from Alhambra to Washington state but never arrived and hadn't been heard from in four days. Deputies then began an exhaustive search of a 27 mile stretch of State Route 16, as well as the areas surrounding Lower Site. Deputies have searched these areas in vehicles, on foot, on ATVs and by airplane. As recently as yesterday, we continued to search a five mile radius of where the vehicle was located, thanks to the assistance of a California Highway Patrol airplane which had on-board Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR), a heat-seeking system. The search has failed to locate Harris or provide evidence other than his vehicle and a few personal effects.

In addition to the physical search, our department sent out notifications on our Nixle automated notification system and also worked with Yolo County Office of Emergency Services to activate the Everbridge system, which sent telephone and text messages to over 4,000 residents around the search area asking them to call us if they had any information or had seen Harris. These systems have provided some information, but not enough to locate Harris.

We have also sent out information bulletins to all Northern California law enforcement agencies asking that they be on the lookout for Harris.

We will not comment on the on-going investigation other than to say that no foul play is suspected. If Harris is located or if we need the public's help in following up leads, we will issue another press release at that time. Until then, our investigators will remain in contact with members of Harris' family and his girlfriend.

Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of Harris is still encouraged to call the Yolo County Sheriff's Office at 530-668-5280.